

(c) Question does not arise.

Evaluation and monitoring of power projects

†2046. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government evaluate and monitor the power projects;
- (b) if so, the details of evaluation of various projects carried out during last two years and as on date;
- (c) the findings thereof;
- (d) the efforts made by Government on the basis of the findings; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (e) Status of various on going Power Projects is being evaluated through institutionalized monitoring mechanism with Central Electricity Authority, Central Power Sector utilities, generation utilities of States and other stake holders such as Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited. As a result of this monitoring mechanism time cycle in execution of Power Projects has been substantially compressed over period of time. In the process new benchmarks associated with each critical milestone have been set. On the basis of these benchmarks, progress of new projects is evaluated.

Losses of State Electricity Boards

†2047. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual losses State Electricity Boards are incurring as on date;
- (b) the consumption of electricity at present in the States and the quantum of electricity generated by them by their own resources;

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(c) the regions from where the rest of electricity is supplied; and

(d) the efforts being made by State Governments to attain self-sufficiency and the contribution of Central Government therein?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) According to information compiled by the Power Finance Corporation the overall commercial losses of the utilities without subsidy after tax was Rs. 22,126 crores during 2004-05.

(b) All India power availability during April, 2006 to October, 2006 was 361,488 million unit (MU). The contribution of State generating unit during the same period was 188,768.51 MU.

(c) The remaining power was made available by the Central Generating Units in the region and through inter-regional power exchanges.

(d) The Government of India has taken the following major initiatives to improve the power supply position in the States:

- (i) Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects.
- (ii) Advance planning of generation capacity addition projects for the 11th Five Year Plan.
- (iii) Implementation of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4000 MW each to achieve benefit of economy of scale.
- (iv) "Partnership in Excellence" Programme starting with adoption of better operation and maintenance (O&M) practices to enable enhancement of Plant Load Factor (PLF) of existing thermal power stations through tie-up with well performing power utilities as a precursor to renovation and modernization.
- (v) Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units with interest subsidy on loans by the Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation under "Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP)"
- (vi) Tapping of surplus power from captive power plants.
- (vii) Utilisation of unutilized capacity of gas based stations on liquid fuel.

- (viii) Coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity.
- (ix) Optimum utilization of available power by strengthening of inter-State and inter-regional transmission capacity.

Allocations of funds for Andhra Pradesh under REGGVY

2048. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;
- (b) the details thereof district-wise;
- (c) whether this allocation is according to the average national allocation;
- (d) whether Government propose to accord priority to the backward districts like that of Mehboobnagar, in such allocations which are far behind in the matter at consumption of power from the point of view of State average; and
- (e) if so, the details of Government's schemes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 648.15 crore for 17 districts have been sanctioned. Details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) The amount sanctioned is as per the requirement indicated by Andhra Pradesh Government as per the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by them.

(d) and (e) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) envisages providing access to electricity to all rural households in the country, including backward districts, by 2009. The DPR, as received from Andhra Pradesh Government for intensive electrification of 1477 electrified villages of Mehboobnagar involving an outlay of Rs. 56.61 crore has already been sanctioned under RGGVY.